

**SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4017
with Conference Committee Amendments**

Introduced by

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1 A concurrent resolution directing the Legislative Management to consider studying the
2 detrimental impacts of pornography.

3 **WHEREAS**, sexually explicit content is widely available and consumers often are unaware
4 of the risk posed by such material; and

5 **WHEREAS**, children may be exposed to pornography and early exposure may lead to low
6 self-esteem, body image disorders, unhealthy sexual expectations, and the association of
7 violence with sexual gratification; and

8 **WHEREAS**, the adult entertainment industry produces media that objectifies women and
9 children, and depicts rape and abuse, perpetuating the demand for sex trafficking, prostitution,
10 child pornography, and sexual abuse images; and

11 **WHEREAS**, pornography has been linked to detrimental effects and societal problems, and
12 it is of paramount importance that our leaders address this issue;

13 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF NORTH DAKOTA, THE**
14 **HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING THEREIN:**

15 That the Legislative Management consider studying the detrimental impacts of
16 pornography; and

17 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the study analyze the current efforts for education,
18 prevention, and research related to the consequences of pornography, examine potential policy
19 changes, and include input from the relevant state agencies and other stakeholders; and

20 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Legislative Management report its findings and
21 recommendations, together with any legislation required to implement the recommendations, to
22 the Seventieth Legislative Assembly.